

## March 10-11, 2017 Strategic Planning Session

A City Council Strategic Planning Session for the City Council of Martinsville, Virginia, was held March 10 and March 11, 2017 at West Piedmont Business Development Center, Martinsville, beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 2017, with Mayor Gene Teague presiding. Council Members present at the Friday, March 10, 2017 session included: Mayor Gene Teague, Vice Mayor Chad Martin, Council Member Sharon Hodge, Council Member Jennifer Bowles, and Council Member Kathy Lawson. City employees present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, and David Dickerson of Business Results Training. School Board members present included Victor Correa, Donna Dillard, Eric Hruza, Lawrence Mitchell, and Joan Montgomery. Additional school personnel included School Superintendent Zebedee Talley, Executive Director of Administrative Services Travis Clemons, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services Paulette Simington, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Angilee Downing, and Clerk of Board Janie Fulcher. Media present included Mickey Powell of the Martinsville Bulletin. Those in attendance created a verbal agenda to hear the school board's vision, match the vision with the City Council's vision for education, and revisit the Strategic Plan and update. Mayor Teague and Council Member Hodge requested that the school board go through each budget line item and detail priorities. Superintendent Talley and board members confirmed there is a priority list that members go by. Board members have met and gone through the budget line item by line item. Council Members request more transparency on decisions made on line item priority. Hodge requested additional planning sessions especially after new Council Members and School Board Members have been added to evaluate educational progress and not just money during budget planning. Attendees suggested additional planning sessions be scheduled in October, pre-budget in February or March and another post-budget after schools release for the year. Those meetings would be in addition to the School Board update at the Council Meeting in October. Council Members asked for a report on the School Board's status on achieving goals. Council recessed at 8:00PM to reconvene the following morning at 8:00AM Saturday, March 11, 2017.

The Saturday March 11, 2017 session began at 8:15AM. Council Members present included: Mayor Gene Teague, Vice Mayor Chad Martin, Council Member Sharon Hodge, Council Member Jennifer Bowles, and Council Member Kathy Lawson. City employees present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, and David Dickerson of Business Results Training. Media present included Mickey Powell of the Martinsville Bulletin. City Manager Towarnicki summarized the key issues and budget concerns for each department. Mayor Teague asked that all changes made at this meeting be brought to a future Council meeting. Council Member Lawson suggested that Council review the Strategic Plan again with the school board in October.

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Council Members suggested an update meeting after the budget around July or August then another meeting in January or February to go through the plan each year.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Teague seconded the motion with all Members voting in favor

David Dickerson will provide Council with consolidated information collected at the two day session and updated Goals and Initiatives sheets for their review. At the conclusion of Saturday's session at 11:00AM, Council adjourned the planning session.

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Karen Roberts  
Clerk of Council

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Gene Teague  
Mayor